

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF
NEW PART-TIME UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

The Judicial Conference of the United States has authorized the appointment of a part-time United States magistrate judge for the District of South Dakota, Northern Division, at Aberdeen, South Dakota. Part-time is defined as approximately twelve hours a week. The duties of the position are demanding and wide-ranging, including: (1) conduct of most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases; (2) trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases; (3) conduct of various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from a district judge; and (4) trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants. The basic authority of a United States magistrate judge is specified in 28 U.S.C. § 636.

To be qualified for appointment an applicant must:

- (1) Be, and have been for at least five years, a member in good standing of the bar of the highest court of a state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Territory of Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or the Virgin Islands of the United States, and have been engaged in the active practice of law for a period of at least 5 years (with some substitutes authorized);
- (2) Be competent to perform all the duties of the office; be of good moral character; be emotionally stable and mature; be committed to equal justice under the law; be in good health; be patient and courteous; and be capable of deliberation and decisiveness;
- (3) Be less than seventy years old; and
- (4) Not be related to a judge of the district court.

A merit selection panel composed of attorneys and other members of the community will review all applicants and recommend to the district judges in confidence the five persons it considers best qualified. The court will make the appointment following an FBI full-field investigation and an IRS tax check of the applicant selected by the court for appointment. An affirmative effort will be made to give due consideration to all qualified applicants, including women and members of minority groups. The annual salary of the position is \$39,227 (subject to approval of the Judicial Conference at its September 2008 meeting). The term of office is four years.

Application forms can be obtained on our website at www.sdd.uscourts.gov

Applications should be sent to human_resources@sdd.uscourts.gov or to
Nicole Stadlman, Human Resources Specialist
U.S. District Court
300 South Phillips Avenue, Suite L103
Sioux Falls, SD 57104

Applications must be submitted only by applicants personally and **must be received by September 22, 2008**. Three copies of the application should be submitted. If you have any questions, please contact Nicole at (605)977-8953.

All applications will be kept confidential, unless the applicant consents to disclosure, and all applications will be examined only by members of the merit selection panel and the judges of the district court. The panel's deliberations will remain confidential.